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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 1****6 December 2024****Question No. 094****MS CLAY MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

- (1) What progress has been made with the Environmental Strategic Assessment for the Eastern Broadacre area.
- (2) Has the Assessment been referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; if so, what advice has been received from that Department.

MINISTER STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) continues to work on finalising the draft Eastern Broadacre Strategic Assessment (EBSA). The initial draft was provided to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in April 2024.
- (2) Advice received from DCCEEW included requiring further ecological survey work and a socio-economic assessment which will result in the reworking of the strategic assessment documentation. Once this work is complete, the updated draft EBSA will be re-submitted to DCCEEW for further review seeking endorsement to commence public exhibition.



Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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